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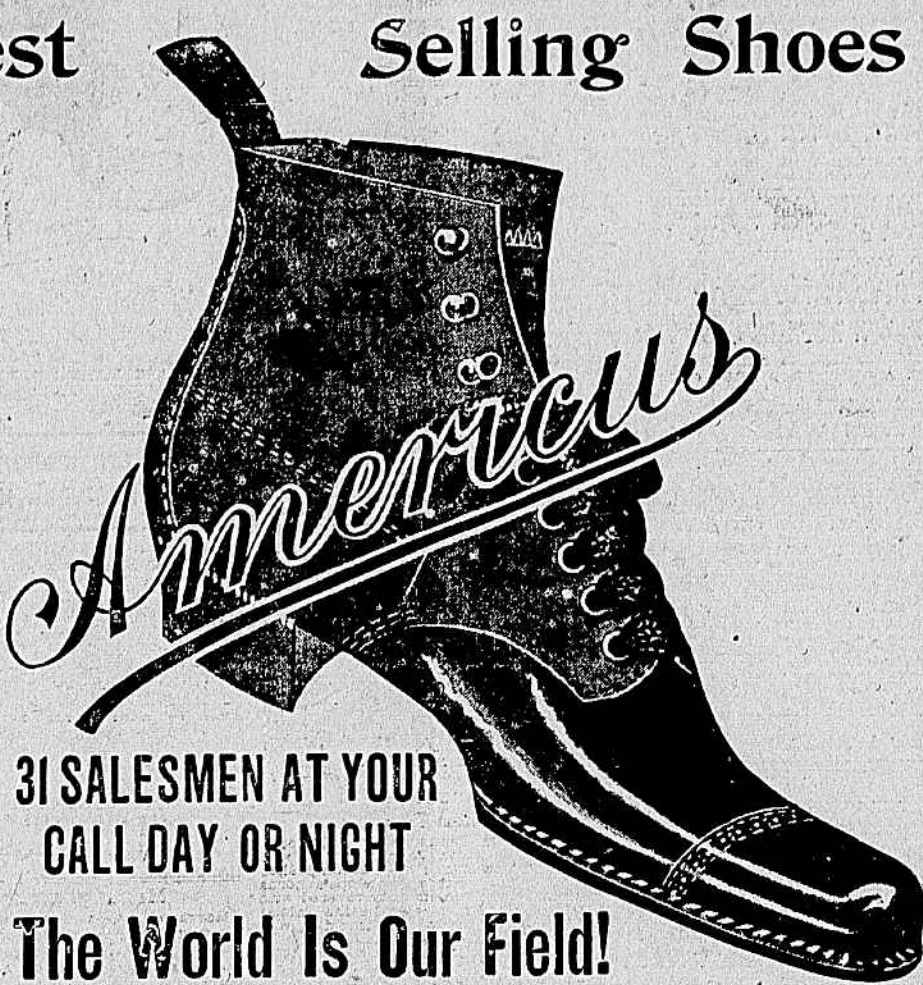
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Trade Grow.

# LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA.

## SUCCUMBS TO HIS INJURIES

West Point Dairyman, Shot by  
Negro, Dies at the Vir-  
ginia Hospital.

After lingering nearly two weeks,  
George Hobough, the West Point dairy-  
man, who was shot on the night of De-  
cember 12th by the negro, John Clements,  
died at 11:20 o'clock yesterday morning  
in the Virginia Hospital in this city.

There is some question of the direct  
cause of the death of the injured man.  
It appears, however, that the pneumonia,  
with which he was suffering during the  
latter days of his illness, developed first  
in the lung penetrated by the negro's  
bullet, and afterward extended to the  
second lung, which would make it appear  
that the death is directly the outcome of  
the wounds. Whether or not an inquest  
will be held is a matter that will be de-  
termined to-day upon the arrival of the  
Commonwealth's attorney of West Point.  
Arrangements for the funeral will also  
then be made.

Shortly after he was advised of his  
critical condition, Hobough made an  
ante-mortem statement to Detective  
Captain Tomlinson. He said that on Sat-  
urday night, December 12th, he met  
Clements, was insulted by him and  
promptly knocked the fellow down. The  
negro rose to his feet swearing ven-  
geance. He procured a pistol and at-  
tacked Hobough on the streets of West  
Point that night. Two shots were fired,  
one striking the victim in the back and  
penetrating one lung, and the other in-  
flicting a flesh wound in the hip. There  
were threats of lynching, but cooler  
heads prevailed.

favorably to the arbitration of electro-  
lysis damage on the terms indicated by  
this committee, the committee will feel  
constrained to take up for consideration  
the approval of an ordinance requiring  
the installation of some new system.  
The remains of Mr. Hobough have been  
taken in charge by Undertaker A. W.  
Monnett. They will be taken tonight at  
8:15 o'clock via Pittsburg to Wilmersburg,  
Pa. They will be accompanied by the  
widow of the deceased, and his brother,  
J. K. Hobough.

## COMMISSION AND CLERKS TO HAVE THREE DAYS

Chairman Bev. T. Crump, of the State  
Corporation Commission, yesterday pro-  
mulgated a holiday order, closing the  
office of the commission from noon to-day  
until 9 o'clock on Monday next, so as  
to afford the commissioners and em-  
ployees a holiday of three days.  
The following charters were issued yes-  
terday:

D. H. Spencer & Sons (Incorporated),  
Martinsville, J. D. Spencer, vice-presi-  
dent. Capital stock, \$1,000 to \$50,000.  
Ghent Apartment Corporation, Norfolk.  
James Kevan Peebles, president. Capital  
stock, \$16,000 to \$50,000.  
Floyd County Bank (Incorporated).  
Floyd, B. B. Pedigo, president. Capital  
stock, \$15,000 to \$20,000.

## COMMITTEE MAY FORCE FIGHT ON ELECTROLYSIS

The Committee on Water have empha-  
sized their former position with reference  
to electrolysis by adopting the report of  
the subcommittee, composed of Superin-  
tendent Bolling, City Attorney Pollard  
and Chairman Mann, which provides that

the city reject the arbitration propo-  
sition of the Passenger and Power Com-  
pany.

The latter clause of the report is as fol-  
lows:  
"If the company does not respond  
as to the use of electrolysis which will  
prevent electrolysis."  
Indications are now, as they have al-  
ways been, that the company and the  
city will reach no common ground.

## MANAGER LEATH.

Takes a Trip South—Manager  
Rex in Control of Circuit.

Manager Leath, of the Academy of  
Music, and the Leath circuit, left last  
night for a trip to Florida and Cuba. He  
will be away several weeks. During his  
absence Manager Charlie Rex will have  
entire charge of the circuit of seven  
theatres.

Mr. Leath, before he left, succeeded in  
getting control of the Petersburg Acad-  
emy of Music. He will place only the  
best attractions in that city.

## POLICE BOARD MEETS.

First Business Under the New  
Act of the Legislature.

The first meeting of the Board of Po-  
lice Commissioners under the new act of  
the Legislature, was held yesterday af-  
ternoon in the Chief's office. The meeting  
was for the purpose of approving pay roll  
and bills. This work was formerly done  
by the Police Committee of the City  
Council.

## ONE DAY CHRISTMAS FOR CITY HALL PEOPLE

The City Hall will be closed only for  
one day—Christmas. Mayor Taylor has  
issued no formal order, but when the  
various offices are closed to-night it will  
be to reopen for business as usual on  
Saturday.

Most of the officers and employees will  
spend their Christmas at home in this  
city.

## GOVERNOR WILL ISSUE CHRISTMAS PARDONS

Governor Montague will issue his usual  
batch of Christmas pardons to-day, and  
will follow this with an order to close  
all the State offices until Monday morn-  
ing, Saturday intervening between Christ-  
mas and Sunday, and being itself a half  
holiday.

## Mr. Smithdeal Honored.

Mr. G. M. Smithdeal, president of Smith-  
deal Business College, left to-day at 2  
o'clock for St. Paul, Minn., where he will  
deliver an address before the business col-  
leges of the Minnesota Educational Asso-  
ciation. Mr. Smithdeal expects to return  
about January 4th.

This is quite an honor for one of Rich-  
mond's most distinguished business col-  
lege men and Mr. Smithdeal will, no doubt,  
reflect credit on the business education  
of the South.

## Where Is Mr. Drew?

Major Howard has received a letter  
from H. Drew, making inquiry about  
J. G. Drew, with whom he has been  
corresponding. Any information concern-  
ing him will be accepted by the Chief  
of Police at the City Hall. The letter is  
dated Jacksonville, Fla.

## CASE OF A. S. COLYAR WAS CONTINUED

Fugitive Was Before Justice  
Crutchfield Yesterday.  
Police Court.

A. S. Colyar, the young man brought  
back from Washington by Captain Tom-  
linson, was in the Police Court yesterday  
morning. At his request the hearing was  
postponed until January 5th. Colyar was  
remanded to jail, pending the hearing,  
and has retained Captain George D. Wise  
as counsel.

The charge against Colyar is that of  
obtaining \$20.25 from the Jefferson Hotel  
on a bad check.

Harrisburg, Alright was fined \$10 for  
cursing and abusing Maria Voss.

Sadie Walker paid \$5 for being disor-  
derly on the premises of H. N. Price.

Walter Hord was charged with being  
disorderly and abusing Bessie McGruder.  
It cost him \$2.50.

Willie Tanner was fined \$5 for being  
disorderly in a bar-room.

The case of William Lewis, charged  
with being a suspicious character, was  
continued to the 29th.

Then Justice John disposed of a num-  
ber of drunks, and court adjourned.

## AT THE ACADEMY.

"David Harum," a dramatization of the  
well known and widely read book, will  
be presented at the Academy to-morrow  
matinee and night, under the direction of  
Julius Cahn. The production will be the  
same as that which was given the comedy  
by Charles Frohman during his New York  
run, and the cast will be of uncommon  
strength. Westcott's book was dramatized  
and presented to the public two years  
ago. Its success was immediate, and the  
New York engagement, which lasted sixteen  
weeks, was remarkable for its large  
receipts. The book was dramatized by R.  
and M. W. Hitecock, and they adhered  
very closely to the story as woven by  
Westcott. They divided the play into three  
acts and located all of the scenes in  
Homeville, N. Y. Much of the charm of  
the book lay in the cleverness with which  
the characters were drawn, and in the  
atmosphere surrounding the scenes and  
the chapters were careful to retain in the  
play all of those things which made the  
book so interesting reading. Mr. Turner's  
portrayal of Harum is described as  
being exceedingly artistic. It is no ex-  
aggeration to say that it would be difficult  
to find another actor capable of giving  
the character the touches with which he  
rounds out his portrayal of the shrewd old  
countryman. The importance of this en-  
gagement warrants a large audience,  
something which is already assured the  
company and its players.

## The Romantic Drama.

The time has not passed when roman-  
ticism fails to reach the popular mind.  
Nothing is more restful in this practical  
age than to witness the flash of sword,  
hear the spirited speeches and revel in  
the fashions and adornments of the age.  
"When Knighthood Was in Flower." The  
problem play, the play with a low moral  
tone, and the cruel piece with its heart-  
rendering tragedies, have passed into a  
class to themselves, each taking a lower  
rank in public esteem than the charming  
love story of Mary Tudor and Charles  
Brandon. Roselle Knott and the company  
which will present this piece at the Acad-

emy Saturday matinee and night will  
supply an entertainment which runs  
through nearly three hours of unceasing  
enjoyment.

## "A Hot Old Time."

This season "A Hot Old Time" is brand  
new. Attached to the organization is a  
magnificent chorus of beautiful young  
women, who can, while looking pretty,  
sing and dance "A Hot Old Time," will  
be at the Academy Monday night.

## Two Programmes Daily.

The ready wit, ease and independence  
of a husky young American are aptly  
illustrated in the play, "Across the Pa-  
cific," now playing to house capacity at  
the Bijou Theatre. Shouts of laughter  
and applause have greeted the play at  
each presentation. The plot is cleverly  
interwoven with miners, soldiers and a  
campaign in the Philippines, ending with  
an attack on a block house by the Phil-  
ippines. Then it is that the Gatling gun is  
made to do business.

## Matinee and night performances every day this week.

## Vaudeville at Bijou.

All star acts, say the critics, in com-  
menting on Ross and Panton's Vaude-  
ville Company, which comes to the Bijou  
next week, with the usual matinee and  
night performances. The company is head-  
ed by the bill, producing a new comedy sketch,  
"Just Like a Woman," together with their  
celebrated "Oliver Twist." The other  
stars are the Vedettes vocalists and  
whirlwind dancers; Mildred Flora, a  
clever comedienne; Lewis McCord &  
Company, in the clever comedy sketch,  
"Her Last Rehearsal," by Willard Hol-  
comb; Keno, Welsh and Montrose, oc-  
centric gymnasts; James P. Leonard  
and James J. Collins, two funny com-  
edians; the Two Pucks, juvenile com-  
edians, and Zitzka and King, artists in  
burlesque magic.

## THE M'GUIRE STATUE NOW ON ITS PEDESTAL

The McGuire bronze statue is now upon  
its pedestal in the Capitol Square. It was  
unveiled early yesterday morning, hav-  
ing arrived late on Tuesday. It is now  
covered with thick sail cloth and the  
bare outlines can scarcely be traced.  
The unveiling will take place Thursday  
afternoon, January 7th, and prominent  
men taking part will be Governor Mon-  
tagne, Judge George L. Christian, Dr.  
James Power Smith and Major Holmes  
Conrad, the orator.

## SECRETARY FOR THE STREET RAILWAY Y. M. C. A.

The Executive Committee of the Street  
Railway Department of the Y. M. C. A.  
has invited Mr. J. W. Tubbs, secretary  
of the Texarkana Street Railway Branch,  
to assume charge of the work here. Mr.  
Tubbs was originally connected with the  
street railway work in St. Louis, and is  
considered an able organizer and sec-  
retary.

The work of fitting up the building at  
the Reservoir will probably be started  
about the first of the year. The opening  
will occur early in February.

## LITTLE FOLKS KEEP WELL.

It is a hard thing to keep the little  
folks during the holidays from eating  
too much candy and cake. Overeating  
causes a great deal of sickness. Keep a  
box of Cascara in the house give one  
every night, and keep them well. The  
little folks like to take Cascara be-  
cause they can eat them just like candy.  
It costs a box at any drug store.

## ENDORSE THE PANAMA TREATY

Wilmington Chamber of Com-  
merce Take Action Favoring  
Isthmian Canal.

## (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 23.—The  
Chamber of Commerce to-day passed  
strong resolutions, endorsing the treaty  
with Panama, and sent a telegram to the  
North Carolina senators, requesting them  
to support the measure, and to use their  
best efforts in behalf of the Isthmian  
Canal.

## CAPTAIN C. GRAY BOSSIEUX DECLINES MAJORITY

Captain C. Gray Bossieux will retain  
his present position as adjutant on the  
staff of Colonel George Wayne Anderson,  
with the rank of captain, rather than  
resign to accept the majority of the First  
Battalion of Infantry, Seventeenth Regi-  
ment, to which he was elected a few  
nights ago to succeed Major Charles O.  
Saville.

Captain Bossieux had ten days in which  
to determine his course, and while he  
wishes to extend his warm appreciation  
to those who unanimously tendered him  
the honor, yet he says after due con-  
sideration he has decided to remain with  
Colonel Anderson. It is not known when  
another election will be held.

## REAL ESTATE SALES SKIP THE HOLIDAYS

The real estate agents are not offering  
property at public auction now. Prob-  
ably not another important sale of real  
property will occur until the new year  
opens. Several important sales are sched-  
uled for January. Chief among them are  
the offering of the Mocklenburg, of Chase  
City, a famous sanitarium and hotel,  
and the valuable Talbot house and ex-  
tensive lot at the northwest corner of  
Franklin and First Streets.

## RICHMOND CONTRACTOR TO BUILD DEPOT

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Com-  
pany will build an attractive depot at  
Portsmouth, Ohio, and Contractor John  
T. Wilson, of this city, has been awarded  
the work. The completed building will  
cost approximately \$25,000.

## Maccabees Pay Up.

Commander Jacob Umlauf and Record-  
Keeper C. W. Morris, of Richmond Tent  
No. 4, Knights of the Maccabees, called  
to-day on Mrs. E. R. Robinson, widow of  
Policeman Robinson, and paid her \$3,000,  
the amount carried by her late husband.  
This claim was paid within fifteen days  
after the necessary papers were pre-  
pared. Such promptness speaks well for  
the order.

## MAYOR TAYLOR APPROVES BOND ISSUE ORDINANCE

Mayor R. M. Taylor yesterday offered  
his signature to the ordinance passed by  
the Council permitting the borrowing of  
over \$50,000 to meet the bonds of the city,  
which will fall due on January 1, 1909.  
The ordinance forbids the touching of

the \$50,000 now in the sinking fund, and  
is in conformity with the McCarthy plan  
for settling the debt.

## DORCAS ENTERTAINMENT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The Christmas entertainment of the  
Dorcas class of the First Baptist Church,  
under the direction of its president, Mrs.  
L. E. Janney, took place yesterday after-  
noon at 4 o'clock in the Sunday school.

The room was beautifully decorated  
with cedar and holly festoons of green  
extended from the posts to the pulpit. In  
front was a large Christmas tree with  
incandescent lights shining through the  
branches, which added much to its beauty.  
On the tree hung presents for all the lit-  
tle ones.

The programme began with the children  
marching into the room, each holding a  
carnation, which they gave to Dr. Cooper,  
the whole making a beautiful bouquet.  
Following were vocal solo by Misses  
Robinson and Bowie, and piano solo by  
Miss Kirkwood.

Miss Virginia Talbot also entertained  
the class with a most remarkable whis-  
tling feat. The whole programme  
was interspersed with hymns sung  
by the Dorcas class. The entertainment  
was a delightful occasion and much credit  
is due all who took part in it. Mrs.  
Janney was only assisted by Professor  
Watson, Mrs. N. P. Cofer and Miss Ethel  
Cofer.

## THE SOUTHERN ALMANAC FOR 1904 IS ISSUED

The Virginia and North Carolina  
Southern Almanac for 1904 has been is-  
sued by the Hill Directory Company, and  
is a most excellent number. It is filled  
with valuable and interesting matter.

## All Get Their Money.

The ninety-eight persons claiming \$50  
each under the will of the late Lewis  
Ginter have been paid their money after  
the recent decision of the Supreme Court,  
and will enjoy it Christmas. They were  
all in the employ of Major Ginter at the  
time of his death.

## Judgments Rendered.

In the Law and Equity Court yesterday,  
judgments were rendered in favor of  
the S. A. L. I. C. vs. W. S. Nolan, for  
\$10.00 and H. V. B. Moore vs. L. E. Briggs  
for \$56.50.

## Toll-Roads Bill.

The House Committee on Roads have  
presented the bill allowing the board of  
superiority of Norfolk county to purchase  
the toll roads and bridges of that coun-  
ty.

## Orphans at Bijou.

Mrs. Gill's orphan boys have been in-  
vited to enjoy the performance at the  
Bijou Theatre this afternoon. Manager  
McKee will make it comfortable for the  
boys.

## Was Mr. Henry Rueger.

It was Mr. Henry Rueger and not Mr.  
William Rueger, who relieved the hand-  
some pig from the Petersburg Elks, in  
recognition of his assistance on Elks me-  
morial day.

## Mrs. Wells Here.

Mrs. G. S. Wells, mother of Manager  
Jake Wells is in the city for a short  
stay. She will leave here for Norfolk to  
join her son, Otto Wells, of the Granby  
Theatre.

## MEMBERS GONE HOME

Both Houses Take a Recess  
Until After Christ-  
mas.

But for some little Christmas remem-  
brances between members and the saying  
of good-byes, there was no interest in  
the proceedings of either house of the  
General Assembly yesterday.

Leutenant-Governor Willard remem-  
bered the Senate pages and gave them  
\$10 each, and on the House side there  
were some few exchanges of presents,  
among the members, pages and news-  
paper men.

Speaker Ryan signed a few bills, but  
there was no semblance of business on  
the Senate side.

There was no quorum in either branch,  
and the sessions lasted but a few mo-  
ments.

Both bodies adjourned to meet at 11  
o'clock on December 29th, when it is  
believed that there will be a good at-  
tendance, and the work submitted by  
the Revision Committee finished up.

NO BILLS TAKEN UP.  
Neither the marriage license bill came  
up in the House nor the Jamestown  
relief measure in the Senate, so sparse  
was the attendance on either side. Both  
matters, along with many others of im-  
portance, went over until after the holi-  
days. Meanwhile it is contended that the  
common law is sufficient to validate all  
marriage ceremonies solemnized since  
the much talked of revision bill on the  
subject became effective on December  
12th.

## WILL CAUSE FIGHT.

The bills in relation to public service  
corporations and the right of eminent  
domain will claim the attention of the  
Senate upon the return of the body here  
on December 29th, and both are likely to  
provoke long discussions in the commit-  
tee, as well as on the floor of the Senate.  
There were practically no members of  
either branch of the Legislature in the  
city last night. Indeed, there were but  
few earlier in the day, but by evening  
nearly all had taken the outgoing trains  
for their homes. Many of them were  
loaded down with Christmas presents for  
their friends and some for their little  
ones, and they all seemed glad to get  
away.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.  
calls attention to the fact that "it takes  
100 per cent. of white blood to make a  
white man, and only one per cent. of  
black blood to make a black man," but  
Dr. Burkhardt declares "that it takes 100  
per cent. of pure blood to make a healthy  
man. When the blood is filled with poi-  
sonous acids and diseased bearing germ  
the heart, lungs and kidneys become af-  
fected and fail to perform their duties.  
Rheumatism, Catarrh, Palpitation of the  
Heart, are all caused by impure blood,  
resulting usually from constipation. With  
this in view Dr. Burkhardt has pre-  
pared the market his famous Vegetable  
Compound. A thirty days' treatment of  
Dr. Burkhardt's Vegetable Compound will  
cure, and costs only twenty-five cents,  
any drug store. You can't afford to  
lose this opportunity of being restored  
health."